Per capita of Gross National Product (GNP) in India

56. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's Gross National Product (GNP) per capita has been out below that of Bangladesh in this year's World Bank Report;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for its dipping further since India's per capita GNP had been regarded below that of Sri Lanka and Pakistan; and

(c) what are the measures Government propose to take to improve matters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) In 1992, India's Per Capita Gross National Product was $ 310 as compared to $ 220 of Bangladesh as per the World Development Report, 1994.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Cost escalations of public sector projects

57. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering recommendations of the high level group looking into cost escalations of public sector projects;

(b) if so, details of the recommendations made by the high level group;

(c) whether Government propose to adopt strategy to save the public sector projects from cost escalations; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) (a) Yes; Sir.

(b) to (d) The Group of Ministers set-up by the Prime Minister has since submitted its report. The recommendations of the Group of Ministers are under consideration of the Government. The recommendations of the Group of Ministers also include adoption of certain strategies for controlling cost escalation in public sector projects. Since the report of the Group of Minsers is a classified document, it is not possible to give details of the report until it is accepted by the Government.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Bills passed and assented to by the President

SECRETARY-GENERAL: Sir, I lay on the Table a statement (in English and Hindi) showing the Bills passed by the Houses of Parliament during the Hundred and Seventieth Session of the Rajya Sabha and assented to by the President.

Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Deptt. of Revenue) and (Deptt. of Economic Affairs)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASEKHARA MURTHY): Sir, I lay on the Table:-

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), under section 159 of the Customs Act, 1962, together with explanatory memoranda on the Notifications:-

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-6101/94]

(1) S.O. No. 470(E), dated the 27th June, 1994, laying down